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Record of the Most Important of  
the Recent Events Called  
From Exchanges.

The Irish Attorney General, John  
Atkinson, has been appointed a law lord.  
Patrick Costello, deaf and dumb, was  
fined ten shillings by Tuam Magistrates  
for fishing during the close season.

The County Carlow Agricultural Com-  
mittee held a county meeting last week  
and took initiatory steps for the purpose  
of promoting the Irish industrial revival.

Owen Smith, who had lived in three  
centuries, died at his residence at Rose-  
lea at the age of 109. Until too old to  
work he was engaged in the tailoring  
business.

The potato crop of this year all over  
the north of Ireland has been one of the  
most prolific seen for many years, as is  
testified by the large supplies on market  
days at Belfast.

The tenants on the estate of Lily Patricia  
Murphy at Ballinacloon, County  
Westmeath, have signed agreements for  
the purchase of their holdings, the terms  
being twenty-one and one-half years' purchase.

Eight members of the United Irish  
League, charged with having boycotted  
William Motherway, who is in possession  
of an evicted farm near Ballymacoda,  
were again remanded at the Castlemary  
petty sessions.

The Committee of Management of the  
Munster Training College for Gaelic  
teachers has decided to offer a free schol-  
arship at the college next year for com-  
petition among the Gaelic speakers in  
each county in Munster.

Four men have been remanded in cus-  
tody at Ardahan, County Galway, in  
connection with an attack which it is  
alleged a party of armed men made on  
Frank Shaw Taylor and his wife when  
returning from a fox meet.

The Gaels of Cork city and county have  
presented John Fitzgerald and Thomas  
Dooley with two beautifully illuminated  
addresses. Both gentlemen have for  
many years rendered valuable services  
to the Gaelic Athletic Association in Ire-  
land.

The Meath County Council unani-  
mously adopted the Dublin County Coun-  
cil's resolution regarding the inadequacy  
of the provisions for higher education  
in Ireland, as well as resolutions calling  
for a reform of the Irish National Board  
and for the restoration of the grant for  
the teaching of the Irish language.

A remarkable figure has passed away  
at Ballynateigh, Belfast, in the person of  
Hugh Finlay. He was the last survivor  
of that band of Ribbonmen arrested in  
187 at McKay's tavern in Great Edward  
street, and who were subsequently tried  
for sedition—an incident of a truly stir-  
ring time which many a local Nationalist

still recalls. Finlay was twenty-four  
years in the employment of the late Joe  
Biggar, M. P., and afterward in that of  
Sir Thomas Lipton in Glasgow, Liver-  
pool, London and America.

James Grew, of the Queen's Hotel at  
Portadown, recently established a cider  
distilling plant in that town with the  
object of availing of the large supply of  
fruit in that vicinity. Grew purchased  
the entire plant and good will of the  
cider manufactory started a year ago in  
Drogheda by the Board of Agriculture.

The late John Pringle, the well known  
Clones butter merchant, left assets that  
approximate about \$750,000, which will  
be divided among his next of kin, as he  
died without making a will. Deceased  
was a generous benefactor of charity dur-  
ing his lifetime, and a large number of  
deserving cases in Clones, who were the  
recipients of weekly or monthly pensions  
from him, continue to be paid by the  
widow.

Andrew Cooney was summoned before  
the late Monaghan petty sessions for  
having assaulted his aged father. The  
evidence disclosed a deplorable condition  
of domestic unhappiness, and the presid-  
ing Magistrate, who looked upon the  
offense in its most serious light, ordered  
the defendant to find sureties for \$100  
for his keeping the peace for the usual  
term. 'Tis strange but true, his father  
was one of the sureties.

At the opening of the trial of Messrs.  
John O'Dowd, M. P., Conor O'Kelly, M.  
P., and James Mills, J. P., at the Sligo  
assizes, on the charge of having con-  
spired to boycott John Paulsen, the occu-  
pant of an evicted farm in Mayo, counsel  
for the defense protested against the  
packing of the jury as an injustice to the  
prisoners and a violation of the spirit of  
the law. An application to have the case  
adjourned pending the decision of a case  
in the Court of Appeal, in which the  
legality of boycotting was argued, was  
refused by Justice Andrews. The jury  
disagreed in the case and the traversers  
were discharged.

## WORTHY CHARITY.

The Dominican Sisters at Holy Rosary  
Academy gave a drawing last week for  
the purpose of helping the French Sisters  
of the order to build a convent in this  
country. The drawing was well patron-  
ized, much to the satisfaction of the  
Sisters. Mrs. William I. Hayes, 1303  
Dumessill street, was awarded the hand-  
some doll.

C. K. A.—Life insurance is not so  
necessary for an old man whose children  
are grown up and can help themselves,  
but it is most necessary for a married  
man in his best years with a family and  
whose children are dependent upon his  
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reaper makes his appearance, help is  
very necessary, and this a Benefit Cer-  
tificate in the Catholic Knights of Amer-  
ica will bring.

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## HIBERNIANS.

What They Have Been Doing  
the Past Week—General  
News Notes.

At Norwich, Conn., a class of twenty  
candidates received the four degrees at  
the last meeting.

President Hennessy, of Division 4,  
had no idea he was going to be watched  
Wednesday night.

Divisions 10 and 16, of Lynn, Mass.,  
held a joint installation of officers at  
their last meeting.

Division 15 of Hartford, Conn., will  
confer the third degree on a large class  
at the next meeting.

The divisions at Atlantic City have in-  
vited President Roosevelt to attend the  
ball to be given on January 17.

Division 4, of Medford, Mass., at its  
last meeting was entertained by an ideal  
Irish programme of song and story.

The Vice President of Division 4 felt  
like lynching the special committee  
when he was surprised at the last meet-  
ing.

Division 2 will meet on Friday night,  
but will postpone the installation of offi-  
cers until the joint meeting of the four  
divisions.

Division 3 will not meet Monday night  
because it is a holiday of obligation.  
The meeting has been postponed until  
the third Monday in January.

The County Board has appointed the  
necessary committees to insure the  
business and social success of the union  
meeting and joint installation of officers.

The members of the ladies' auxiliary  
at Natick, Mass., gave a series of "charity  
parties" during December and distrib-  
uted the proceeds among the poor of the  
town.

The Baltimore County Board has ap-  
pointed a committee to stop as far as  
possible the caricature of Irishmen on  
the stage. The members of the commit-  
tee will fight against green whiskers and  
exaggerated brogues.

Members of the Onondaga County  
Board have been invited to assist at the  
installation of the new officers of Divi-  
sion 4 at Syracuse next Friday night.  
The members of the Saratoga Committee  
will also witness the ceremonies.

The Ladies' Auxiliary is taking the  
right step in trying to organize a drama-  
tic club. There is histrionic talent going  
to waste both in the auxiliaries and  
among the divisions. The ladies' meet-  
ing on Wednesday night should be well  
attended.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Division 15  
at Hartford, Conn., expects to increase  
its membership to 600 during the next  
year, and during the next three months  
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